#### ALBANY LEGISLATIVE MILL.

IT TURNS OUT THE USUAL GRIST OF LOCAL BILLS.

THE ASSEMBLY DECIDES NOT TO MEDDLE WITH THE ARBITRATION TREATY-MONEY FOR

THE STATE CANALS-THE ADIRON-DACK PRESERVE.

Albany, Feb. 15.-A full House and a fair calenda gave promise of a busy session in the Assembly this evening. As usual on Monday nights the visitors were numerous, both on the floor and in the galleries, the ladies being particularly in eviin gay winter attire.

The House lost no time in preliminary business but proceeded at once with the calendar routine, be first thing taken up being Mr. Parshall's bill for the construction of a bridge over Coney Island Cr. vk. near West Eighteenth-st., in Brooklyn, which had been made a special order for this even-

town, of Kings, offered an amendment, providing : b.s. any railroad intending to use the bridge it a natruction should be compelled to pay for . was salf of the work. This was objected Parshall on the ground of its unconstitutionali b. A debate followed, in which Messrs Mi whall and J. J. Sullivan participated. Mr. Rochr n woed, as another amendment, that the bill be recor unitted to the Judiciary Committee. Both amendm ants were then put and lost, and the bill was advanted to a third reading.

Senator Ford 's measure to consolidate the Inter national Mission wry Alliance and the Christian Al-

into one c. rpontiion was passed. Mr. Trainer ca. led up his resolution condemning the proposed treat V between the United States and Great Britain, which went over under the rules last He offered up amendment providing that, in the event of the pending treaty being changed, the opposition of the Assembly be not conveyed to Congress. The House, rafter a brief debate, decided to adopt neither the spriginal resolution nor the

Mr. Garby offered a nesolution calling upon the Assembly to communicate with the New-York Members of Congress and urge them to support the amendment offered to the Appropriation bill by Congressman Baker, of New-Hampshire. The amendment in question provides for the reinstatement of any person formerly in Die Civil Service of the ment who has I con reduced to salary or dismissed for causes not affecting efficiency or moral character, without additional Civil Service examina-

The resolution was adopted. Mr. Tupper offered a resolution providing for the ming and censure of members of Assembly not attending their committer meetings. It was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The House then passed the following among other

bilis:

Mr. Smith's, authorizing the city of Yonkers to acquire certain lands for numicipal purposes and to issue bonds for such purposes.

Mr. Bondy's appropriating S. 60,000 for the improvement of the Eric, Ch. implain and Oswego cands. This sum is to be realized from the sale of bonds already provided for by the laws of 186 and to be paid on warrant of the State Controller to the State Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Austin's, authorizing the Beard of Estimate and Apportionment of New-York City to order the repayement of certain streets and avenues by contract, and providing for the issuance of bonds to affect the same.

The report of the special committee appointed by

same.

The report of the special committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the question of watership of lands in the Addron lacks within the kizer Fark, and other matters toutching forest preserve, was submitted to the Assembly by Assemblyman Wagstaff the chairman of the committee. The report recommends the issuance of \$1,00,000 in sonds by the State Controller for the purchase of diditional land by the State.

Assemblyman Wagstaff will prepare a bill carrying out the recommendations of the report. He hinks the bill will embrace the suggestions made of Governor Black that the lands be acquired by condemnation.

The following bills were among those introduced:

any election.

By Mr. Parshall—Authorizing the city of Brooklyn to bond itself for the establishing a public market in the Eighth Ward.

By Mr. Burr-Permitting the sale of trout killed between March 29 and April 16 anywhere in the State prior to September 1.

MONEY TO CONSTRUCT THE CONCOURSE. SENATOR GUY INTRODUCES A BILL CARRYING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1.000,000-THE SEN-

ATE ROUTINE.

On the request of Senator Ellsworth leave of bsence for the rest of the week was granted to Senators Lexow, Parsons and McCarren, who are

formatory for Women at Bedford; Edward Cook, Panama, Loan Commissioner for Chautauqua County; John D. Slivers, John W. Slauson and William K. Stansbury, all of Middletown, managers of the Middletown State Homoeopathic Hospital; Louis M. Martin, manager Rome Custodial Asylum. The nominations were referred to the proper com-

Senator Wieman's, including Brooklyn and other territory within the Greater New-York, with New-York City and Saratoga Springs, where harber shops may be kept open on Sunday, by a vote of 20 to 5. Senators Higgins, Tibhits, White, Stranshan and Wilcox voted in the negative. Senator Brackett's, allowing a married woman to confers indement.

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Senator Raines's, appropriating \$25,000 to erect an squestrian statue of Major-General Henry W. Slocum on the battle-field of Gettysburg.

Senator Wray's, relative to the improvement of Albany-ave. Brooklyn, and to provide the means berefor. Senator McNulty attempted to have the cote reconsidered, but his motion was lost by a cote of 20 to 4.

vote of 39 to 4

The following bills were among the introduced:
By Senator Guy-Providing for the construction
of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse and transverse toads underneath the same from East Onehundred-and-sixty-first-st, to the Moshulu Parkway, also the enlargement of the entrance at East
One-hundred-and-sixty-first-st, and the approach
to the Central Bridge over the Harlem River from
the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, in New-York
City, The Commissioner of the Department of
Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and
Twenty-fourth wards of New-York City, and Jacob
M. Patterson, William H. Ten Eyck, Henry B.
Burnett, Ernest Hall and Joseph H. Goulden are
named as a commission to carry out the improvement at a cost of \$1,0000.

By Senator Guy-Extending East One-hundredand-eignty-finith-st, from Webster-ave, to ThirdRy. Senator Page—Authorizing the New-York

and-eighty-ninth-st., from Webster-ave. to Third-ave.

By Senator Page—Authorizing the New-York City Controller to grant to owners, lessess or persons in possession of real property in Fulton. Vessey, Washington and West sts., abutting on Washington Market, permits for the erection and use of stands therein.

By Senator Wilcox—Amending the Penal Code by prohibiting the playing of baseball on Sunday, and imposing a fine of \$9 for each offence.

By Senator Wilcox—Amending for six Assistant District—Attorneys in Kings County at a salary not exceeding \$7.500 each.

By Senator G. A. Davis—Giving the State Controller the same power of audit over the institu-

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tions required to report to his department as the State Commission in Lunacy now has over institutions for the care of the insane.

By Senator Guy-Providing for the construction at a cost of \$300,000 of an elevated roadway over the New-York and Harlem Railroad tracks and the Pori Morris branch of the 1/ew-York and Harlem Railroad, connecting Melrose-ave. from East One-hundred-and-sixty-third-st, to the junction of Webster and Brook aves, at East One-hundred-and-sixty-fifth-st., New-York.

By Senator Davids-Amending the Election law as to notice of primary, and providing that no delegates be elected to any party conventions prior to the publication of the regular call for such convention.

GOSSIP AT THE STATE CAPITAL

GOVERNOR BLACK'S INTEREST IN THE ADIRONDACK FORESTS.

SENATOR RAINES GUNNING FOR "FAKE" CLUBS AND HOTELS-THE TALK ABOUT CROKER FOR MAYOR OF THE GREATER

NEW-YORK. Albany, Feb. 15 (Special).-Governor Black is devoting almost his entire attention, aside from the routine duties of the executive chamber, to the consideration of his plan for the protection of the The report of the special Adirondack forests. committee appointed by the last Legislature to in vestigate the spoliation of the forests, which was handed down to-night by the Speaker of the Assembly, recommends the expenditure by the State of \$1,000,000 in procuring additional forest lands. has been carefully considered by Governor Black, and the recommendations made have been

The Governor is supplementing the tour of inspection he recently made to the Adirondacks by ersonal interviews with and letters from thes interested in Adirondack lands. He is still of the opinion that the most practical method of secur ing additional State lands is by condemnation and purchase, and he believes that the public interest demands such a step, in order to stop the devas-tation now going on at the rate of 100,000 acres annually. The Legislature cannot appropriate a sum in excess of the \$1,000,000 recommended by the special committee to carry out any plans the Gov ernor may formulate, as the appropriation of a greater sum must be submitted to a vote of the

Senator John Raines has formulated a numb mendments to the Liquor Tax law and will present them to the investigating committee, of which he is chairman, this week.

The most important amendment suggested is one designed to tax the "fake" Raines clubs out of existence. A decision of the Appellate Court held that cause they were defined to be "distributors of liquo mong themselves," and not associations for trafficking in liquors as defined by statue. When the Raines Liquor Tax bill was passed, this decision was recognized and clubs were not taxed. In con sequence of this, "Raines clubs" have sprung up like mushrooms in all cities of the State, for the sole purpose of evading the law and selling liquor on Sunday. It is proposed to tax these clubs so high that many of them will be forced out of ex-

The "fake" Raines hotels will be somewhat in terfered with by a provision which will require that all hotels to receive a hotel license shall have at least twenty-five rooms. On this provision there is some dissension in the committee, as its enactment would cause the closing of many country taverns where so many rooms are never a necessity or Senator Raines favor a more strict definition of the size of room required for hotel purposes, and more specifications as to just what shall, for the purposes

size of room required for hotel purposes, and more specifications as to just what shall, for the purposes of the recommendations of the report. He make the fall will embrace the suggestions made Governor Black that the lands be acquired by demnation. The following bills were among those introduced; in Mr. Marshall—Providing that the exterior of any building in Brooklyn shall not be reved if it extend no more than four inches upon extered or public place without the institution egal proceedings the same as in the case of the go of a mechanic's hen.

Y. Mr. Mathewson—Providing for the establishmat of a public park in the city of New-York at the filing of election expenses by all cantes, committees and associations concerned in election.

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Y. Mr. Y. O CONSTRUCT THE CONCOURSE. New-York City, would carry with it more than that of any other man who could be named. And yet all of this depends upon Mr. Platt's decision as to further the purposes, and more specifications as to just what shall, for the purposes, of the act, constitute a hotel.

It is rumored here to-night that the gossip about nominating Richard Croker as the Tammany candidate for Mayor of the Greater New-York as Tammany of the greater city will have to sail. It is rumored that the talk which have to sail. It is rumored that the purposes, and of the section as to just what the section of the sail that the gossip about hailing more than ide talk. And is being city of the greater city will have to sail. It is r

New-York."

It was expected that the Railroad Committee of the Senate would to-night report favorably upon the nomination for Railroad Commissioners of Cole. Baker and Dunn, sent in by Governor Black last week. Senator Railros, chairman of the committee, says that the report was delayed because he had promised Senator Cantor, the Democratic floor leader of the Senate, that the report would not be made in his absence. It is expected that Senator Cantor will be present to-morrow and that the favorable report will then be made.

GOVERNOR BLACK'S RECEPTION HOURS.

Albany, Feb. 15.-Governor Black has been so overrun with public business and with visitors that h has fixed upon regular hours when he will be accessible to visitors in the Executive chamber. The hours will be from 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 20.04 h. m.

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## FRANKFORT CITIZENS PROTEST.

The residents of Frankfort, which is on the lin of the West Shore Railroad, are considerably disturbed over the announcement that the New-York Central intends to remove the company's extensive cluding thirty-two of the leading citizens of Frankfort, and nearby towns, to call upon the railroad
authorities and request them to reconsider their
determination. Yesterday the committee, headed
by ex-Senator Titus Sheard, called upon Chauncey
M. Depew. They learned at the Grand Central
Depot that Mr. Depew was at his home, and appointed a committee, consisting of the ex-Senator
and A. Russell, to call upon him there. They were
received by Mr. Depew and laid the case before
him. He told them that he would lay the matter
before the directors at their next meeting.

CHARLES W. BROOKE'S ALLEGED WIVES. known lawyer of this city, three women have declared themselves to be his widows, and have produced alleged certificates of marriage. They are Cecile Rush, who says she was married to Mr. Brooke in Allegheny, Penn., on February 7, 1868, and now lives at Cornwall, N. Y.; May Seville Harr, who says Mr. Brooke married her on September 29, 1879, in Toronto, Canada, and is now living in this city, and Mrs. Skillman, who says she became the wife of Mr. Brooke in Philadelphia two years ago. Mr. Brooke died in Mrs. Skillman's home on Staten Island. ocard wealthy inman or child. Address
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NEW CLASSIFICATION ADOPTED FOR THE STATE'S CONVICTS

PRIMINALS TO BE ASSORTED ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS-REFORMATORY MEASURES

three prisons of this State have been classified as to labor in accordance with the law passed that being changed to comply with the provisions of the new Constitution, which went into effect on January 1, 1897, General Austin Lathrop, Superintender of State Prisons, deened it an opportune time to a new and more thorough classification of the convicts, and has furnished to each of the wardens carefully prepared rules and regulations governing the grading of the convicts and providing for the management, distribution and employment of each class

cheme of prison training, education and discipline that combines reformatory and deterrent features in some particulars unique and original. It is based on the theory that the best system of prison administration is that one that contribute fluencing prisoners in custody not to return to criminal ways after their discharge and by deterclubs could not be taxed as saloons or hotels be- ring free criminals from committing crimes, and provides that every effort shall be made to reform the first offenders; that both reformatory and deterrent measures shall be applied to second offenders, and that the deterrent influences shall increase with each successive term thereafter. rules also direct that each group of convicts shall he kept separate from others in every departmen

The foundation of the plan of classification wi be laid by the distribution according to their crin; inal record of the present population of the prisons into grades and groups as follows: Pirst grade, Group A-Men now serving their first term, 2.011

ond grade. Group B-Men who have served or Second grade, 642
Second grade, Group C Men who have serve more than one previous term, 225.
Taird grade, Group D Men of decided crimina tendencies and victous habits, 147.

Especial efforts will be made to reform the members of Group A. They will be protected from the baneful results of associating with hardened criminals and those of marked criminal tendencies The physician will give each member careful attention, with the view to keeping him in as perfect physical condition as possible, and all will have course of training and instruction especially arranged with a view to improving their mental condition, increasing their ability to think and reason and appreciate the responsibilities of citizen and the benefits that a correct life will in sure to them. The labor of this group will be at such work as affords facilities for education in the trades and in general business methods.

The reformatory measures will be applied Group B in a limited way. The discipline will be stricter and the privileges fewer, and the labor will be with a view to accomplishing the greatest amount of useful work.

As a large percentage of the men in Group C are confirmed criminals, upon whom reformatory measures have failed to produce the desired results, the rules provide for a restricted deterresystem for them. This system will not be harsh severe, but the members will be treated as a class rather than individually, and certain priv leges that are permitted members of other groups

will not be permitted to them.

The members of Group D will be subject largely to the rules governing Group C, but they will be kept absolutely isolated from the other groups.

outside the shops and remote from the other convicts.

In carrying out this classification it is not expected that any transfers of the present population (other than such as are necessary to relieve Sing Sing Prison) will be made, but men hereafter received at Sing Sing that belong in Group B will be transferred to Auburn, and those that belong in Groups C and D will be transferred to Chinton. These transfers, together with the discharges of the men now in Groups B, C and D at Sing Sing will in a short time give that prison a population composed entirely of first-grade men.

Members of all groups may be reduced to lower groups for misbehavior, and may earn promotion to their original group by good conduct. Rules governing such promotions and reductions are now being prepared.

A TRUANT BOY BADLY HURT.

Fifty-third-st., and two other boys about his own age played truant yesterday, and amused them-selves by stealing rides on the New-York Central Railroad freight trains on Eleventh-ave. Scanlan fell off one of the cars at Seventy-fourth-st, and had his right leg cut off. He was taken to Roose-velt Hospital

SEATS OF THE DAMROSCH OPERA SEASON. for the season of grand opera in German by the Damrosch Opera Company at the Metropolitan Opera House. The seats are reported to be selling rapidly. The sale of tickets for the same night of each week, or for the four matinees, begins on February 22. The sale for single performances for the first week will begin on March 1. Many of the boxes are re-engaged by their present occupants.

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were alarmed. Some of them fied down the fire-escapes in front of the building, and others climbed out of rear windows and got into the Tribune Building.

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